

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 5, 7 and 10-13 are now pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 10 are amended; claim 9 is canceled; and claims 11-13 are added.

Applicants appreciate the indication that claims 9 and 10 are objected to but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 10 has been made independent and claim 9 has been incorporated into independent claim 1. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1 and 10 should be allowed.

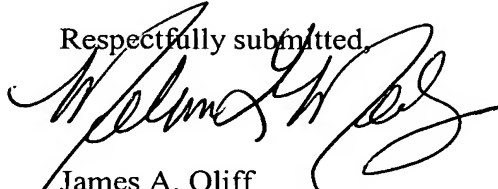
Claims 1, 3 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 over Machida et al. (hereinafter "Machida") in view of Nagashima. In addition, claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 over Machida in view of Nagashima and further in view of Huang et al. As discussed above, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the features of allowable claim 9. Based on this amendment, it is respectfully submitted that the §103 rejections should be withdrawn.

Claims 11-13 have been added to further define the invention. Claims 11-13 substantially correspond to claims 3, 5 and 7 but depend from claim 10. These claims are allowable for at least the same reason that claim 10 is allowable.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1, 3, 5, 7 and 10-13 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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